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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. TAX TREATY TALKS OCTOBER 16-17

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1. DURING BILATERAL TALKS ON PROPOSED INDO-U.S. DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY OCTOBER 16-17, U.S. SIDE OFFERED MODEL DRAFT AGREEMENT AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. MAJORITY OF TIME SPENT ON ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE REVIEW OF DRAFT, TO GET A FIX ON WHERE CHANGES WOULD BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO COME TO AGREEMENT. WHERE APPROPRIATE, WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE INDIANS REDRAFTS OF LANGUAGE NOT LATER THAN MID-DECEMBER. INDIANS WOULD GIVE US THEIR COMMENTS ON REVISED LANGUAGE SOON THEREAFTER.

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2. BOTH SIDES AGREED THERE SEEMS TO BE SUFFICIENT COMMON GROUNDS TO NEGOTIATE FORMAL TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND INDIA. IT WAS DECIDED THAT NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN INDIA IN THE SPRING OF 1976, POSSIBLY IN MARCH. HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC DATES WERE MENTIONED.

3. INDIANS PROPOSED AT END OF SECOND DAY THAT WE CONSIDER TREATY LIMITED TO AVIATION, AND GAVE US DRAFT PROPOSED LANG-

UAGE. WE AGREED THAT PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTABLE TO USG IN PRINCIPLE, AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE COMMENTS ON THEIR LANGUAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER.

4. TREASURY PLANS ISSUE PRESS RELEASE ON FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS AND SOLICITING COMMENTS FROM PRIVATE SECTOR. THIS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE. WE WILL PROVIDE TEXT OF RELEASE WHEN AVAILABLE.

5. FINATT STEINER SAT IN ON ALL SESSIONS. WE ARE POUCHING TWO COPIES OF DRAFT MODEL AGREEMENT FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION.

6. IF QUERIED BY PRESS, YOU CAN CONFIRM EXPLORATORY TALKS TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 16-17, THAT USEFUL INFORMATION WAS EXCHANGED, AND THAT BOTH SIDES ARE ASSESSING THE RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, THE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO TREASURY OR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AS APPROPRIATE. INGERSOLL

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